

### **REMARKS**

Upon entering the foregoing Response, Claims 1-3, 6-44 and 47-68 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 6-12, 44, 47-49 and 64-68 are under examination.

The Examiner requires the election of a single species from Claims 66-67. Specifically, the Examiner has required election in the above-identified application as follows:

- malondialdehyde-modified low-density lipoprotein
- 4-hydroxynonenal-low-density lipoprotein
- acetyl-low-density lipoprotein
- acrolein-low-density lipoprotein
- oxidized arachidonic acid-modified low-density lipoprotein
- oxidized linoleic acid modified low-density lipoprotein
- lipoperoxide
- cardiolipin
- oxidized cholesterol
- oxidized cholesteryl lineolate
- oxidized triglyceride

For the purpose of examination in this application, Applicants elect, with traverse, malondialdehyde-modified low-density lipoprotein for further prosecution at this time.

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 44, 47-49 and 64-68 read on the selected species.

The basis for Applicant's traversal is that there is no undue burden on the Examiner. The Examiner has not presented any evidence to support the assertion that the species under the claims are patentably distinct. Accordingly, the election of species requirement is believed to be improper, and it should be withdrawn.

Further, should the Examiner find the elected species allowable, the search should be expanded to include all the species under the claims which is a reasonable number of species. M.P.E.P. § 809.02(c).

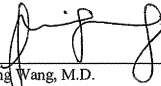
### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

If the Examiner believes for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Ping Wang, M.D. (Reg. No. 48,328) at the telephone number listed below.

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